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TO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CH, LI

SUBJECT: CONTACTS WITH PRC MISSION

REF: MONROVIA 2526

1. REFTEL REQUESTED GUIDANCE CONCERNING CONTACTS BETWEEN  
EMBASSY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF NEWLY OPENED PRC MISSION  
TO LIBERIA.

2. GENERAL GUIDANCE IS CONTAINED IN AIRGRAM A-3909 OF  
MAY 5, 1973, WHICH IS BEING POUCHED TO YOU.

3. IN SUMMARY, AIRGRAM STATES US OFFICIALS ARE ENCOURAGED  
TO DEVELOP NORMAL WORKING AND SOCIAL CONTACTS WITH PRC  
OFFICIALS. CONTACTS SHOULD GROW GRADUALLY AND NATURALLY  
AND NORMAL RULES OF ETIQUETTE SHOULD BE OBSERVED. INITIA-  
TIVES MAY BE TAKEN WHEN THIS CAN BE DONE WITHOUT SEEMING  
TOO EAGER AND WITHOUT EMBARRASSMENT TO LOCAL INTERESTS.  
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4. POSTS ARE AUTHORIZED TO INVITE PRC OFFICIALS TO  
JULY 4 CELEBRATIONS AND TO ACCEPT INVITATIONS TO PRC  
NATIONAL DAY ACTIVITIES (OCTOBER 1). U.S. OFFICIALS MAY

INVITE PRC OFFICIALS TO OFFICIAL OR PRIVATE FUNCTIONS AND  
MAY ACCEPT SIMILAR INVITATIONS FROM PRC OFFICIALS.

5. EMBOFFS SHOULD NOT SPECULATE ON POSSIBLE CHANGES IN POLICY TOWARD THE PRC OR TAIWAN, BUT SHOULD LIMIT THEMSELVES TO POSITIONS FORMULATED BY SENIOR US REPRESENTATIVES IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

6. SIGNIFICANT ENCOUNTERS WITH PRC REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE REPORTED TELEGRAPHICALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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